

LEADER GUIDE

DESCRIPTION



SuperTruth:

God gives me His strength.

Superverse: Judges 6:12 (niv)

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Scripture:

Judges 6–7

Prep Material:

- Bibles (ESV)
- Sticky Notes
- Gideon Superbook Videos:
 - There are two ways to watch this week's video:
 - Superbook Academy - [Click Here](#) - Enter Code **Psalm91**
 - The place where you enter the code is under "Guest Access" at the bottom of the screen. Enter the code where it says password.
- Feel free to use the craft or other activities before/after the lesson or during the week.

Scripture Read (Optional)

Families get an ESV Bible and have kids find the following passages (Judges 6-7) in the Bible using the concordance and placing a sticky note by each reference. Once the scripture references are all found, have each member of the family read the story (If kiddo can't read the story have an adult read).

During DB kids services we have kids read the Bible because we desire to have them know what scripture says first before engaging in our Superbook Adventure. Remember the Superbook is someone's interpretation of Scripture, and can spur discussion

Introduction

Hello, everyone! Today we are going to watch a new Superbook adventure called "Gideon." In our story, we will see what God can do with anyone who trusts Him.

Before going a little further though, let's dig into our Supertruth.

Review SuperTruth

Today's SuperTruth says, "**God gives me His strength.**"

Say the first part, "**God gives me**"...

and then have the child say the second part "**His trength**" (Repeat)

Let's begin our video and see what is happening with Chris, Joy and Gizmo today in the Superbook adventure. I can't wait!

Watch: Chris & Joy's Dilema Video

- Superbook Academy - [Click Here](#) - Enter Code **Psalm91**

Family Discussion

The SuperTruth today is: "**God gives me His strength.**"

Questions:

- In our video, Joy was really frightened. Did Joy feel confident about doing what her mom asked her to do?

- Have you ever felt that way?

Let's watch the rest of our video and see what happens! *

Watch: Bible Story & Resolution Video

- Superbook Academy - [Click Here](#) - Enter Code **Psalm 91**

Teaching Time:

The SuperTruth today is: "**God gives me His strength.**"

In the Superbook adventure, Joy really wanted to send help to her parents after their car accident, but she didn't feel she was good at dealing with situations like that. The task she was asked to perform seemed too big for her.

Gideon felt that way, too! The Midianites had been attacking the Israelites for seven years, stealing all of their animals and food. That's why Gideon was hiding from the Midianites to secretly thresh some wheat in a wine press. It was there that the Angel of the Lord came to Gideon.

- Do you remember what the angel called him? Mighty warrior. (Hint Judges 6:12)
- Do you think Gideon was surprised to be called a mighty warrior, since he was hiding from the enemy?

Gideon didn't see himself as a mighty warrior. It was all he could do to thresh enough wheat just so his family could survive.

Gideon wondered how God could be with him, because the Israelites had not seen a miracle for many years. Gideon may have felt that God had abandoned His people, but the truth is that the Israelites had left God by disobeying Him. They had chosen to worship idols instead of the One True God! Yet the Lord was willing to forgive and restore them.

- **Object Lesson:** Hold up the mirror. What is a mirror used for?

You know, sometimes in the morning when I get ready for my day, I look into the mirror and don't really like what I see! Smile.

Gideon didn't actually look into a mirror; but in his mind, he did not see himself as a mighty warrior! Yet God doesn't see people the same way that we do. Listen to what God says in the Bible. 1 Samuel 16:7b says "The lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the lord looks at the heart."

God looks into our hearts. He created us and understands everything about us. God knows us inside-out, (point to your head and feet from head to toe!)

Gideon probably thought that before God could use him, he needed to be a leader from a large tribe—or to be a trained soldier—or to be rich, important and respected. Yet God doesn't think it is necessary for us to be any of those things.

We simply need to trust God. Let's say our SuperTruth together: "God gives me His strength." Remember the mirror (Hold up the hand mirror toward the children). How do you see yourself? Do you see yourself with your human eyes? Do you look at yourself the way you think others see you? Sometimes, like Joy in our video, we don't think we are good enough to do something. Maybe we don't think that we have enough experience or talent or brains to do what is asked. Here is another big reason we are afraid to try something—we may feel that others are better at

doing it than we are! Have you ever felt that way? God knows this, yet all He requires is that we trust Him! When the Apostle Paul felt weak, this is what God told him.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, “ *Each time He said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.*”

The weaker we are, the more God’s mighty power can work through us! So we need to see ourselves the way God sees us. God sees our hearts and what we can be when we have faith in Him! God is all-powerful. He is rich beyond imagination, because everything in the universe belongs to Him. He has all wisdom and knowledge. So, when we trust Him, He gives us everything we need to do what He is asking us to do.

The SuperTruth today is: “**God gives me His strength.**”

SCRIPTURE SWORD CHALLENGE



30 VERSES IN ONE YEAR

For every **two verses** memorized, kids will get a pin for their dbKid's hat!
2 verses = 1 pin | **20 verses** = Gold Armor of God pin | **30 verses** = Special Prize

Go to www.dbkids.org to get the complete list for the dbKids Elementary Scripture Sword Challenge list for the 2020-2021 year (It will be posted August 16). Remember to grab your initial dbKids hat at Church on the weekend or throughout the week (beginning August 22). A replacement hat will cost \$10 each. Kids can say the verse to dbKids Elementary coordinators every Sunday via Zoom every week (30 min block window) in order to get the pins for their hats. See dbKids website for times and for more information.

Practice the verse at home or life group by using a whiteboard and wiping away words and repeating the scripture until all the words are erased. (Tip: Make hand motions for younger kids)

Our SuperVerse for **Gideon** is **Judges 6:12 (NIV)**

"When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Our August verse for **August** is **Exodus 20:3-4a (ESV)**

"You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Prayer & Send Off

Ask for several praises & prayer requests. Explain that a praise is something we are thankful God has done and want to give him glory for, and a prayer request is asking God to help with a problem.

Dear God, may I remember that you love me and that You do give me strength. Help me to trust you even when I struggle. Also dear God we want to pray for... and praise you for... In Jesus' name, Amen.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Gideon Extra Game
- Gideon Bumble Jumble & Answers
- Gideon Coloring Sheet
- Gideon Flip Book
- Gideon Stem Activity

EXTRA GAME

- One old washcloth, rag or sponge
- Two plastic or metal buckets or containers that will not tip easily, holding enough water for each team to play the game
- Two small, unbreakable bowls or mugs that will not tip easily—they should be the same size
- Newspaper or paper towels to place under both the buckets and the mugs
- Towels to clean up any spills
- Two foam or plastic plates, or plastic flying discs.
- Tape or permanent marker
- Table

Prep: Cut the washcloth, rag or sponge in half. Place the table near one end of the room, and cover it with newspaper or paper towels to absorb any spills. Use tape or a permanent marker to mark a “fill line” inside both unbreakable bowls or mugs. For smaller classes, the fill line can be lower; for larger classes, you may make it higher, or simply tell the children to fill it to the top. Mark a starting line about 12 feet from the table. Place a bucket of water near each team at the starting line.

Note: Ideally, this game should be played outdoors or on a carpeted floor that can absorb small water spills. If playing on a bare floor, take care to instruct children that they must walk—not run—to avoid accidentally slipping. You may also ask sixth grade helpers or other assistants to wipe up water drips and spills as they happen.

Read Judges 6:36–38:

Then Gideon said to God, “If You are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as You promised, prove it to me in this way. I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that You are going to help me rescue Israel as You promised.” And that is just what happened. When Gideon got up early the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out a whole bowlful of water.

Gideon knew how huge the Midianite army was. He did not see himself as the mighty warrior that God saw. So, Gideon asked God for a sign that God was really going to use Him for this mighty work. God patiently and mercifully did as Gideon asked and performed a miracle. The ground was completely dry, but the fleece Gideon had left overnight was so wet that he was able to squeeze out enough water to fill a bowl. Today’s game is based on this scripture passage.

Divide the children into two teams. They do not need to be exactly equal. Have the teams make two lines behind the starting mark. Hand a washcloth and a plastic or foam plate to the first player of each team. Each player must dip the cloth in the bucket of water, hold it over the plate to catch the excess water, walk quickly to the table, and carefully squeeze the cloth into their team’s bowl. The player then places the cloth on the plate, walks back to the line, and gives them to the next player to take a turn. The first team to fill their bowl to the mark or to the top wins!

GIZMO'S

BUMBLE JUMBLE

Help "Bee Gizmo" unscramble these words.

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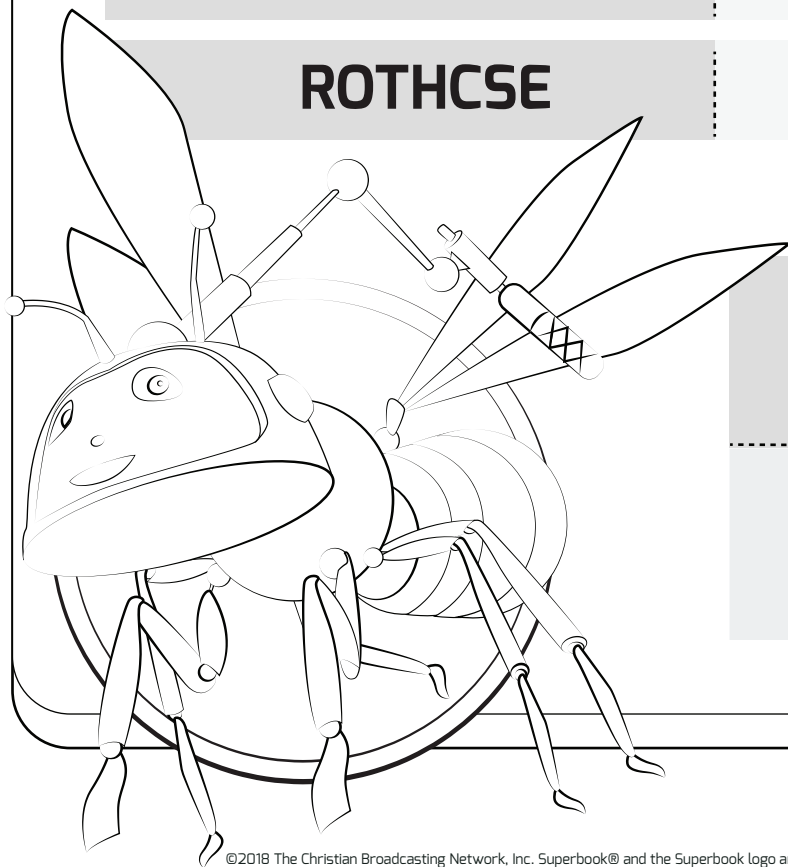
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GIZMO'S

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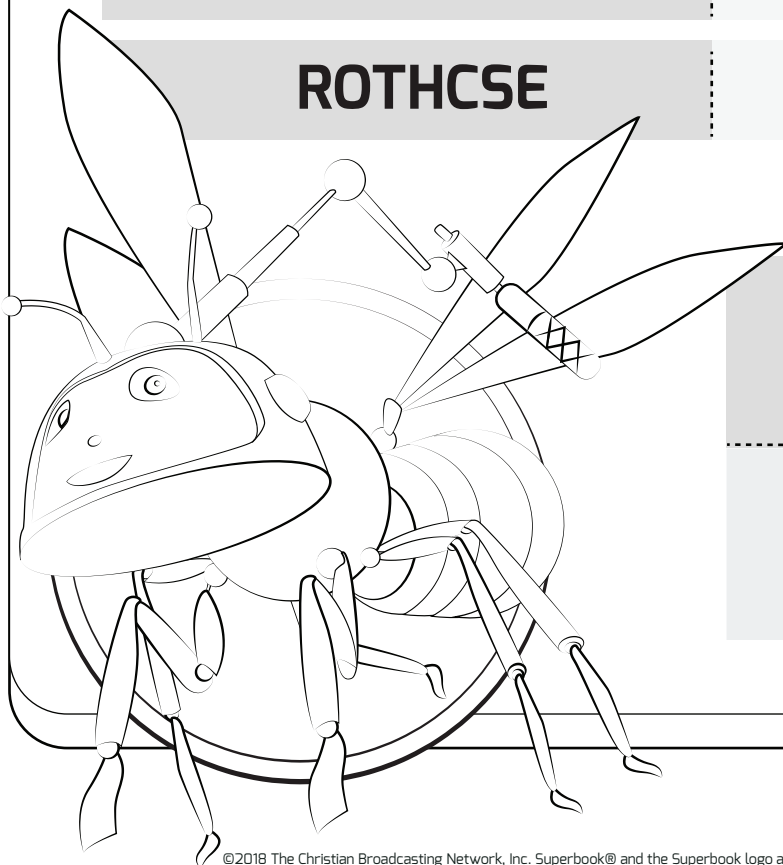
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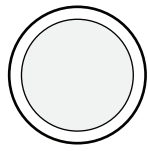
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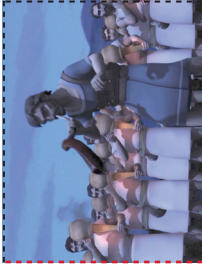
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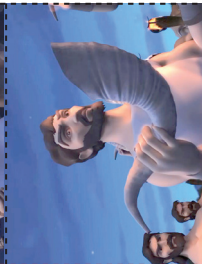
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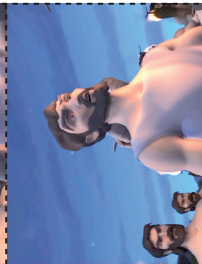
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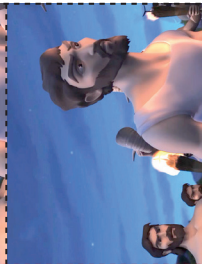
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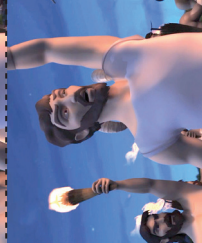
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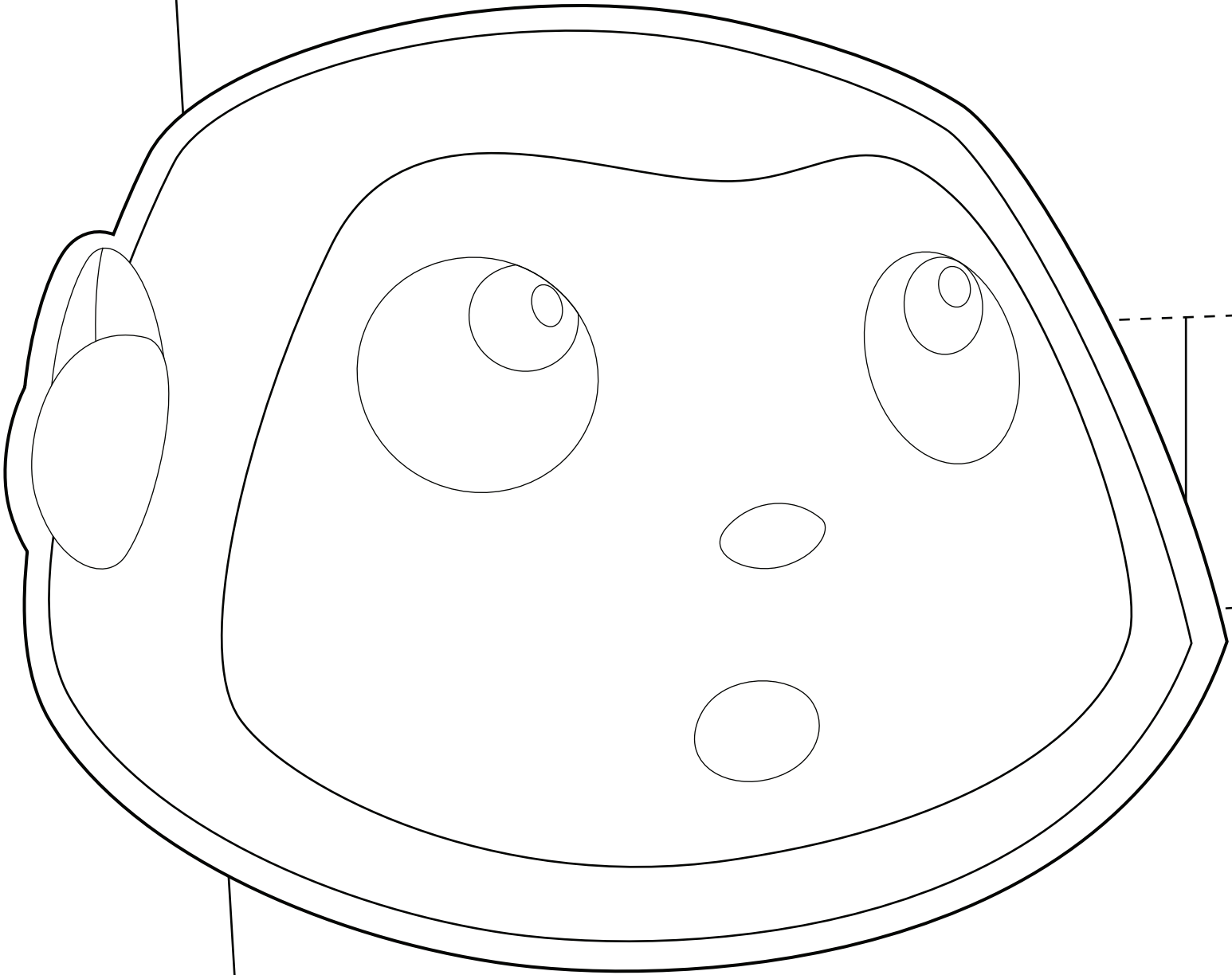
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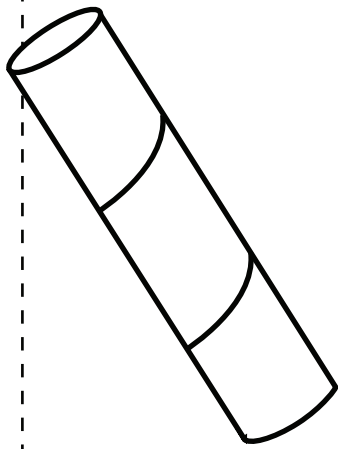


STEM ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED

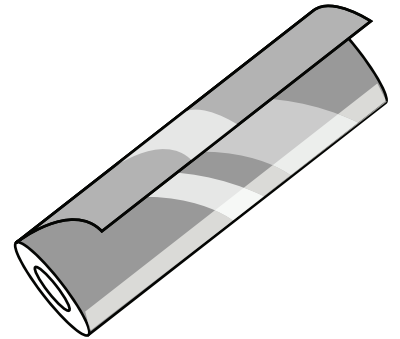
PAPER TOWEL TUBE

Or you can make a roll out of cardstock.



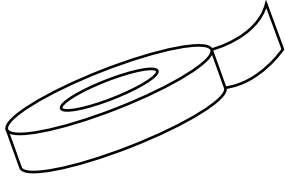
ALUMINUM FOIL

You'll need a sheet about the size of printing paper.



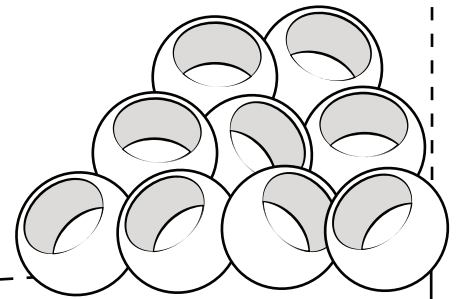
TAPE

Packaging or duct tape works best.



CRAFT BEADS OR DRIED BEANS

Many different things can be used.
Just make sure that it's small and safe for kids.



DIRECTIONS

STEP 1

Tape one end of the paper towel tube shut. Scrunch up the aluminum foil into about the length of the tube. Pour your beads or beans into the tube, then slide the aluminum foil on top.

STEP 2

Tape the other side of the tube shut; then decorate the rainstick with construction paper, crayons and any other art supplies.

STEP 3

Slowly turn the rain stick upside down. Alternate to make the sound of rain.

MIMICKING SOUND

A foley artist is someone who uses everyday items to recreate the natural ambient sounds for film and TV. Our everyday objects make a sound that sounds like rain. What are some different ways you could make storm sounds?

